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Abell, Ida

From: Kasey Simon [ksimon@POOLS-WORLD.COM]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 1:31 PM  
 To: Abell, Ida  
 Subject: RE: Potential Abuse of J-1 Summer Work Travel Program by American Pool Enterprises, Inc.

Hello Ida-

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1301 M Street N.W.; Washington, DC 20005 is an apartment complex that operates under the name Jefferson at Thomas Circle Apartments. The swimming pool at this apartment complex is professionally managed and operated by APEI (Colombia, MD location). During the course of the 2010 Summer, no J-1 SWT students sponsored by APEI worked at this location as a lifeguard for APEI or in any other capacity. Additionally, APEI did not lease any apartments at this location, therefore no APEI J-1 SWT students were living at this location.

The swimming pool located at Jefferson at Thomas Circle Apartments was opened from Memorial Day - Labor Day 2010 for approximately 40 hours each week. This swimming pool was staffed with an H2B lifeguard (on an approved American Pool-Colombia I129 Petition) by the name of [REDACTED] from the country of Serbia. [REDACTED] worked at this swimming pool for the entire 2010 Summer and was staffed at this location on the last day of the swimming pool season (referenced in the letter). 2010 was [REDACTED] third season as an H2B for lifeguard for American Pool Enterprises, Inc. and no prior complaints have been filed against him.

At the end of [REDACTED] approved H2B program with American Pool Enterprises, Inc. (9/30/2010), he successfully rolled onto another H2B program with a non related employer. We have attempted to contact him, however, we have not received a response at this time. Additionally, [REDACTED] has not yet returned my phone call regarding his letter.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards-

Kasey Simon  
 Responsible Officer  
 American Pool Enterprises, Inc.  
 KSimon@pools-world.com

--- AbellIE@state.gov wrote:

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles  
 Lahiguera, Senior Reviewer

From: "Abell, Ida" <AbellIE@state.gov>  
 To: <ksimon@unitedworkandtravel.com>  
 Subject: RE: Potential Abuse of J-1 Summer Work Travel Program by American Pool Enterprises, Inc.  
 Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2010 07:19:24 -0500

Kasey,

Can you tell me what J-1 lifeguards (name and SEVIS IDs) were at the address provided on the letter 1301 M Street N.W.; Washington, DC 20005? Thank you.

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**From:** Kasey Simon [mailto:ksimon@POOLS-WORLD.COM]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2010 1:20 PM  
**To:** Abell, Ida  
**Cc:** Parsley, Travis R  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Abuse of J-1 Summer Work Travel Program by American Pool Enterprises, Inc.

12/7/2010

Initial Complaint

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Complaint: American Pool's hiring practices. EV is unstable and violent. Does not fit the description of a student.

Ms. Abell-

I have also received a CC copy of this letter. Prior to the receipt of this letter, our office had no knowledge of this issue. After reading through this letter and speaking with the American Pool location named, it has become clear that the unnamed "student" mentioned in this letter is not a J-1 SWT program participant and not a student at all.

By process of elimination (because no names or swimming pools were mentioned), we have concluded that the individual named in this letter was actually and H2B visa worker (supervisor) for the APEI Colombia, MD location during the Summer of 2010. I am not certain where [REDACTED] obtained the information that this individual was a J-1 SWT student, but this is not the case. I will send you a list of all APEI student participants over the age of 27 for your records, however, I can assure you that all of our SWT program participants are properly screened for schooling requirements and complete program eligibility.

Upon receipt of this letter, I twice attempted to contact [REDACTED] at the phone number listed on the letter. I left messages and have not yet received a return phone call.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards-

Kasey Simon  
 Responsible Officer  
 American Pool Enterprises, Inc.  
[KSimon@pools-world.com](mailto:KSimon@pools-world.com)

[REDACTED]

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--- AbellIE@state.gov wrote:

From: "Abell, Ida" <AbellIE@state.gov>  
 To: <KSimon@pools-world.com>  
 Cc: "Parsley, Travis R" <ParsleyTR@state.gov>  
 Subject: Potential Abuse of J-1 Summer Work Travel Program by American Pool Enterprises, Inc.  
 Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2010 13:04:28 -0500

Initial Complaint

Complainant: [REDACTED]

Complaint: American Pool's hiring practices. EV is unstable and violent. Does not fit the description of a student.

Kasey,

Please see the attached pdf complaint and provide the following for review:

The SEVIS ID and name of the individual mentioned in this letter

Documented evidence that he is a bona fide J-1 student

Any information you may have with respect to this complaint.

SEVIS IDs and name of individuals who participated in American Pool Enterprises, Inc.'s summer work travel program over the age of 27 and documented evidence that they are bona fide students.

Please provide the information by COB tomorrow. Thank you.